

## Wednesday 12th August 2020 - Details for Returning to 'Alert Level 2'



*Nga matua ma nga kaitiaki, Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

*The Prime Minister made an announcement last night that **we will be moving to Level 2 today from midday**. This means that Tokomaru School will be reinstating some of our Level 2 practices that were not needed at Level 1.*

*This letter is to help explain what Level 2 will look like for us. The main focus will be on physical distancing, hygiene practices and contact tracing. **This means some changes which we need your cooperation with.** These are:*

### **Daily drop-off and pick-up**

- Schools must keep track of everyone entering our school, even parents, via a Contact Tracing Register. This means that we need to have every parent/caregiver who comes onto site to sign in and out (name, address, contact number, time in & out).
- In order to minimise the numbers of 'extras' on site (given that we also have builders onsite until Friday) we are asking that **only parents of Room 1 students come on site unless you need to, and are happy to sign in/out**. ALL parents/visitors will be required to sign in and out on the register on each and every occasion. There will be registers in EVERY classroom and the office. **Please sign in/out at your point of entry.**
- We are asking all other parents to drop-off and pick-up their child(ren) just inside the main gate or underpass gate as per last time (please respect this request as there will not be signage).
- If you need to speak to myself, your child's teacher or the office, please email or call first to make an appointment. This way we can manage the numbers of parents and visitors safely.

### **Lunches**

- Fish & Chip lunches will still continue via the Tokomaru Store
- The pie warmer will still be available to all students (food must be well wrapped and labelled)
- Children MUST bring a named water bottle each day (all drinking fountains will be closed until further notice)

### **Break Times**

- Children will be supervised in their classrooms for eating (morning tea and lunch) to ensure appropriate distancing can be adhered to.
- The playgrounds will be open but children will be required to wash/sanitise their hands prior to returning to class.
- There will be limited PE gear available and it will continue to be checked in/out and sanitised in between use.
- Bikes and scooters are welcome as usual (helmets must be worn); usual 'wheels' rules will apply.

*The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected. You can be assured that in Alert Level 2 we will know who is at school, whom our staff and students have been in close contact with and take appropriate measures to keep everyone safe.*

*Under Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms. For more information about the Public Health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>*

*If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact me. Stay safe, and keep smiling!*

**Smiles, Sonia Mudgway** 😊

**Principal**